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The Daily Press.

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HONGKONG, 18TH JUNE, 1904.

In all ages a very similar law of nature has prevailed to prevent the dream of universal empire ever being realised by mortal man. The cause has ever been the same; a break in the communications with some distant dependency has exposed some defect in organisation, and the great empire, towards the building up of which so much skill and energy has been expended by the founders, and so much loss of blood and misery has been undergone by the vanquished, has suddenly collapsed in the face of some apparently insignificant foe, whose ability for defence was not thought worthy of entering into the councils of the invaders. It was thus that the great RAMESES, having conquered the whole of Syria up to the insignificant town of Kadesh, found himself suddenly brought up by the king of the Khatti (Hittites). RAMESES had been misinformed as to the position occupied by the enemy, and advancing with his bodyguard of some two thousand men, found the Hittites had succeeded in surrounding him. His soldiers fought with the courage of despair, and succeeded in guarding the king till reinforcements arrived, when the foe was defeated with great slaughter. RAMESES, however, took warning from his narrow escape, and concluded a treaty with the Khatti on equal terms, and we hear no more of further hostile advances of Egypt into these regions. So DARIUS THE GREAT, King of Persia, in his schemes for the conquest of the world found himself twenty-four centuries ago confronted on the plain of Marathon by a little Greek army; all Asia had submitted to his arms, and it seemed an almost ridiculous thing that a country which was not as large as the least of his satrapies, should dare with a few thousand men to confront him in the field. Before evening the hitherto invincible Persian army had undergone a defeat, so severe, and accompanied with so great a loss of prestige, that from that day the power of Persia commenced to decline. An adventurer, one ALEXANDER, of whom nobody had ever

heard, a few years after the death of ALEXANDER at Babylon commenced to raid the northern frontiers of his distracted empire. Taking skilful advantage of the disputes between the great conqueror's successors ALEXANDER succeeded in founding a kingdom, powerful enough, not only eventually to turn the tables against the Macedonian supremacy, but three centuries later to inflict so severe a blow on Roman prestige that the empire never completely recovered the shock.

Most of all should Russia never forget this great truth. Twice, almost by miracle, has her empire been saved when in the last throes of extinction, not by her own prowess, but by circumstances over which she had herself little or no control. In the fourteenth century the entire of Muscovy was overrun by the Mongol hordes of BAYAN KHAN. Passing into Hungary and Germany the hordes bade fair to destroy the rising civilisation of Europe, which lay helpless at their feet. Fortunately at the crucial moment the senior KHAN OGOTAI died, and BAYAN, realising that the inevitable war of the succession would need all his energy, left his conquests incomplete and recalled his troops to the steppes. In the nineteenth century, again, the EMPEROR NAPOLEON, in the pursuit of the will-o'-the-wisp of Universal Empire, crossed the whole of Europe without opposition and entered on the plains of Russia. The Russian army was unable to stop his advance, and Moscow, the first city of the Empire, was taken by the French. Driven to desperation, the Russians set fire to their own city, and the French having no shelter, and far removed from their base of operations, had to retreat. In that disastrous retreat the grand army of the Emperor perished practically to a man, and with it practically perished the empire that he had taken so much care to found.

In all these cases the lust for empire which in each individual instance had promoted the invasion conducted directly to the issue. To gain initial success, and sufficient *vis inertiae* to overrun its peaceable neighbours, the first steps of such an army must be rapid, and once impelled on its course no pause is practicable, nor can any time be allowed for reflection, nor for consolidating the kingdoms overrun, or arranging for communications if once interrupted. The pause in such a career is fatal; the leader is no more master of his actions than is the Malay who has once started to run amuck. To advance or to halt are both equally fatal, and, driven to desperation, he shuts his eyes and rushes blindly forward. Such was the cause of the decay of Egypt; such of the mad attempt of DARIUS to conquer Greece; such was the ruin of the Empire of Genghis; such was the end of NAPOLEON's final effort towards universal monarchy; and such in the end, even should Russia contrive to evade for the moment the doom she has prepared for herself, will be the result of Russia's unwise meddling with the seemingly insignificant empire of Japan.

Matched against Russia in even war, Japan could have had no prospect of success, but Russia in her intense folly gave her of her own notion the only possible means of success, and Japan, as Greece at Marathon, master of herself, boldly seized it. The fortress of Port Arthur, to gain which Russia has staked her honour and her reputation amongst the nations, has turned against her. It may have fallen by the time these lines are published; it may survive in Russian hands for a few months; it may even never be fated to fall into the hands of the Japanese armies. Yet we are none the less justified in believing that as an Empire Russia has fallen for ever—never again to be a bugbear amongst nations. Her own oppressed millions have been brought to wonder at the falsity of that seeming strength which once loomed over them as something more than natural; the nations in Central Asia, conquered not by arms but by the distant prestige of her arms, which they had been assumed to be invincible, have seen that prestige scattered to the winds; and seeing the last rag almost frantically grasped in nerveless hands, have naturally asked themselves: Are we not men ourselves as good as these? The nations of Europe, who have been looking to Russia as the arbiter of the Continent, and founding their own little schemes of conquest on obtaining at least Russia's complacency, have likewise come to look a little more closely into her ability to help, or the value of her opposition should she decline to take part in their little shuffle.

Such, we take it, has been the most useful lesson taught by this most modern of wars, which, yet scarcely more than four months old, has already been pregnant with lessons of the most valuable nature.

Four cases were added yesterday to the plague roll, bringing up the number for the year to 292. It is said that the new tramways will begin running on the 1st of August—in about six weeks' time.

Incoming river steamers report an unusual number of dead bodies floating in the Canton waterway.

Two Chinamen were sent to prison for one and two months respectively at Penang for illegally injecting morphia.

It is confidently reported that Count von Bulow, the Imperial Chancellor of Germany will resign in the autumn.

Sir Henry Blake appears from the latest Ceylon papers to have completely recovered from his recent accident.

A new variety of totalisator has been introduced into New Zealand, whereby backers can indulge their fancy for double event wagers.

The price of *The Times* has been reduced to subscribers from 3d. to 2d., but the casual buyer has still to pay the higher figure for "The Thunderer."

Several local residents have offered prizes in the Dragon Boat Festival competition at Aberdeen to-day, so that the races should be of exceptional interest.

The district Judge of Jaffra (Ceylon) has caused a notice to be made that all juvenile smokers of cigars or cigarettes under the age of 18, if found in the act, will be severely punished.

Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge was received by His Majesty the King at Buckingham Palace on the 18th ult. upon relinquishing his appointment as Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron.

The *Echo de Chine* says that a supplementary credit of 24,000,000 francs (£360,000) has been laid before the Chamber for the dispatch and maintenance of a supplementary contingent of troops in Indo-China.

It is rumoured that, notwithstanding their Government subsidy, the new French river steamers *Paul Beau* and *Charles Hardouin* are making an indifferent show against the other Canton craft, and may change hands shortly.

The Stanley Opera Co. played *Colleen Bawn* to a rather small audience last evening. The Company appeared to advantage in this piece and really deserved better patronage. To-night the company give a grand vaudeville entertainment.

To-morrow being St. Anthony's Day, the French steamer *Charles Hardouin* (Captain Merlin) will run on an excursion to Macao, leaving the Company's wharf at the end of Queen Street at 9.30 a.m. and returning at 8 p.m. Arrangements have been made for a late train to the Peak in connection with this excursion.

Mr. Charles Phillips died at the General Hospital, Singapore, on the 7th inst. after a lingering illness. Mr. Phillips was one of the oldest residents of Singapore, and came there from India about forty years ago. He was originally in the army, but retired on pension, and for nearly thirty-four or thirty-five years he was Superintendent of the Sailors' Home.

In issuing another supplement to his Street Index of the Colony Mr. Arthur Chapman, the Government Assessor, intimates that he is prepared to undertake the preparation of a map of the city in two sheets as a key to the Street Index if sufficient support is forthcoming. The size of the map proposed would be 4ft. 6in. by 1ft. 6in. and the price with index would probably not exceed \$5 per copy.

There is a suggestive entry in Sir M. E. Grant Duff's journal, dated June, 1899, which deserves to be recalled:—"Met at the soirée of the Royal Academy Sir Edwin Arnold, who is thinking of starting for a journey round the world. He was specially attracted by Japan. 'Imagine,' he said, 'a country whose grammar does not contain an imperative mood!'"

From a Blue Book issued by the Colonial Office regarding the importation of Chinese coolies into South Africa, it appears that for every labourer shipped up to 10,000 the Chinese Government is to receive a fee of 6s., and for every one in excess of that number 4s. Safeguards are provided for the protection of the coolies in the mines, and a minimum of 45s. per month is guaranteed to each man after six months' service.

It is with very deep sorrow, says the *N. O. Daily News*, that we have to announce the death of Mrs. Alexander Wright, of Shanghai, which occurred at Yokohama on Friday night. Mrs. Wright, who had been ill for some months, started with her younger daughter, Ethel, for British Columbia in the O. & O. S. *Coptic* on the 16th ultimo, in the hope that a trip to a more bracing climate would restore her to health, but she was taken worse on the voyage and had to be landed at Yokohama, her husband and her older daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Davies, going over from Shanghai to be with her. For a little while she showed some improvement, and good hope was entertained that she might recover; but the hope was vain, and she passed away quite quietly and painlessly on Friday, surrounded by those she loved most. Mrs. Wright, who was a daughter of Mr. Kenneth Mackenzie, one of the early residents in Nagasaki, was born and married there. Subsequently her husband became a resident of China, and in Shanghai Mrs. Wright made hosts of friends, attracted by her uniform good-nature, her hospitality, and her kindness to all around her. The very deepest sympathy will be universally felt with her husband and daughters in the terrible loss they have sustained.

TELEGRAMS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

IMPENDING RETIREMENT OF SIR ROBERT HART.

TIENTSIN, June 7.

The *China Times* announces the impending retirement of Sir Robert Hart, the Inspector-General of the Imperial Maritime Customs.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF FINLAND SHOT.

LONDON, 17th June, 10.5 a.m.

General Bobrikoff, the Governor-General of Finland, has been shot. The wound is a dangerous one and it is feared will prove fatal.

THE STEAMER HOLOCAUST AT NEW YORK.

LONDON, 17th June.

The total number of victims who perished in the disaster to the steamer *General Slocum* has been ascertained to be 1,130. [REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

THE SAD DISASTER IN NEW YORK.

LONDON, 15th June.

The steamer *General Slocum*, with a thousand German Sunday School excursionists, mostly women and children, on board, has been burned at Hell Gate, New York harbour. The fire was so rapid that no boats could be launched. The tugs finally beached the steamer, but five hundred lives were lost.

EARL OF DUNDONALD'S DISMISSAL.

LONDON, 15th June.

An Ottawa Order of Council has been promulgated dismissing Major-General the Earl of Dundonald, Commanding the Militia, for grave indiscretions and insubordination. The Council deeply regrets that an officer of his rank so regrettably failed to appreciate the principle of Constitutional Government.

[VIA SINGAPORE.]

STRIKERS DYNAMITE BLACKLEGS.

LONDON, 7th June.

A number of non-unionist miners at Independence, Colorado, awaiting a homeward train at two o'clock in the morning, were blown up by dynamite which had been placed under the platform. The dynamite was exploded by means of a wire 300 feet long which had been fixed to a revolver. Sixteen were killed and nine mortally injured. It is believed the act was the work of strikers. The local militia have been called out.

THE SUEZ CANAL.

LONDON, 8th June.

At a meeting of the Suez Canal Co., the President forewarned a reduction of the dues from right and a half francs to eight soon. The dividend reached 135 francs.

[FROM THE "STRAITS TIMES".]

STRAITS CHINESE INDIGNANT.

KUALA LUMPUR, 7th June.

The Committee of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce held a meeting yesterday to discuss a letter received by Towkay Loke Yew from Mr. C. E. Spooner, the General Manager of the F.M.S. Railways on April 5th.

The meeting decided to reply to the letter, pointing out that the General Manager's communication did not agree with the order issued to guards and station-masters in regard to special first class carriages for Chinese only on certain trains, and also enquiring why the rule empowering guards to evict passengers cannot be enforced, instead of labelling first-class carriages "For Chinese."

The better class Chinese in Perak are also moving in the matter.

THE FILIPINO COMMISSION TO AMERICA.

Boston has refused to entertain officially the distinguished party of Filipinos who are making a tour of the United States to study American institutions and show the people what the better class of the Filipino people really are. This decision of the Boston authorities has caused much comment both in Boston and Washington. In Washington (according to the *Evening Transcript*) it is thought that the citizens of Boston do not understand the standing of the members of the Filipino Commission, but the officials of Boston aver that they do thoroughly understand the character of the visitors. Hongkong Filipino opinion is that the rebuff administered by Boston shows feelings of sympathy with the Filipino people as a whole, the Commission being regarded not as free observers taking stock of the country, but as being mostly made up of mercenaries specially selected by the P.I. Government.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—On the 17th at 11.45 a.m. the barometer has risen in S.W. Japan and fallen in Kaid China and also but slightly in the Philippines. The depression in the North has passed into the Pacific but there are indications of another depression in northern China. Gradients are very slight on the China Coast, and light variable winds will prevail in the Formosa Channel. Moderate S.W. monsoon prevails over the China Sea. Forecast:—Moderate S.W. winds, showery.

THE WAR.

[JAPANESE OFFICIAL DESPATCHES.]

RUSSIAN VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON.

JAPANESE TRANSPORT SUNK. ANOTHER TORPEDOED.

TOKYO, 17th June, 12.20 p.m.

On the morning of the 15th inst., the Vladivostok squadron, consisting of the flagship *Mikasa* and the other battleships *Shikishima*, *Hatsuse*, *Asahi*, *Yashima* and *Fuji*, remained constantly in sight of Port Arthur, departing at night and returning at dawn. The enemy's torpedo-boats occasionally searched our coast and barges waited off Pigeon Bay. Apparently the Japanese were watching to see if we intended to interfere with their landing beyond. Our communications with the north were broken on the 5th, and on the following day the telegraph office refused to accept messages. The Japanese cavalry reconnoitred the peninsula to ascertain if we were locked up. The fact did not cause any particular impression at Port Arthur. The weather was beautiful, bands were playing on the boulevard and there were many promenaders. We heard that the Japanese had fired upon the last outgoing train carrying sick and wounded, and had hit two; rumours arrived of the destruction of the railroad and the blowing up of bridges, but our spirits were not depressed. The military talked of nothing except the second siege of Sebastopol, although, as a matter of fact, Sebastopol was not cut off on the land side. We can die like our forefathers in the universal sentiment expressed. The Chinese are working as usual and few are fleeing. The soul of the defense of the Russian stronghold in General Kondratenko. Ceaseless activity prevails in the fortifications and armoured batteries. No one is now admitted to Port Arthur. Women from Dalny, which is doomed to destruction, sought shelter here, but they were not allowed to remain.

The *Hitachi-maru* was sunk, and there are but few survivors. The *Sado-maru* was torpedoed, but not sunk, and the majority of the men are believed to have been saved. The *Idzumi-maru's* fate is unknown.

The squadron was sighted off Oki Island on the 16th.

TOKYO, 17th June, 3.15 p.m.

Admiral Kamimura's fleet started on the morning of the 15th inst. in pursuit of the Vladivostok squadron.

[The three transports named above are Nippon Yawen Kaisha steamers. The *Hitachi-maru* which has been sunk with considerable loss of life apparently, was a twin-screw steamer of 6,172 tons, well known in Hongkong, as before the war she was on the Company's European line. She was built in the Mitsui Bishi dockyard at Nagasaki, and is the largest and we believe the only steamer approaching the size, which has been built in Japan. The *Sado-maru*, which the Russian squadron torpedoed, was also before the war engaged on the European run. She is a twin-screw steamer of 6,223 tons. The *Idzumi Maru*, whose fate is at present unknown, is a steamer of 3,230 tons which used to be employed on the Bombay run.—Ed.]

GENERAL KUROKI'S ADVANCE.

TOKYO, 17th June, 12.20 p.m.

General Kuroki reports that a detachment occupied, on the 12th, Hunjia, 65 miles north-east of Kuantung. There were 300 casualties sustained on our side; the enemy's casualties are unknown. One prisoner's epaulette shows the Fifteenth East Siberian Regiment.

[RUSSIAN OFFICIAL DESPATCH.]

Major-General Dessine, the Russian military Agent in China, has communicated the following telegram to the Shanghai Press:—

MOSCOW, 10th June, 6.10 p.m.

The general position in the theatre of war is to-day as follows:—The army of General Kuroki has commenced the advance with its advance guards, especially on the right flank, in the direction of Sa-ma-ki and Chian-chan (?), at which latter place there are large bodies of troops. Our mounted detachments, having carried through their reconnaissances, are falling back on the main body. There are small skirmishes every day; on the 7th of June a large engagement took place at Sa-ma-ki, where a Japanese Brigade pressed hardly our small detachment.

The second Japanese army is approaching Port Arthur. On the 8th and 9th June the enemy's squadron bombarded the coast between Kaichou and Hsing-yao-cheng, without achieving any success.

Our detachment, which had attacked An-chou in the first days of May and which, according to the Japanese reports, was surrounded and whose immediate surrender was imminent, is now, as we have ascertained, out of all danger and has had only very insignificant losses.

(Signed) Major General FLOUG,

Quartermaster-general

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

THE FIGHTING IN LIAOTUNG.

LONDON, 15th June.

Despatches from Generals Kuropatkin and Kharkivitch, and Admiral Stackelberg received in St. Petersburg confirm the recent reports of severe fighting to the North of Port Adams, which appears to indicate a general advance of the Japanese northwards from Kwantung.

Admiral Stackelberg reports a battle on the 14th instant, in which the Japanese repeatedly assaulted a position South of Wang-tung. He claims that the Russians retained the position, but admits that the losses were severe. A regimental commander was killed and General Gerugross wounded.

[VIA SINGAPORE.]

SCARCITY OF COAL AT PORT ARTHUR.

LONDON, 8th June.

The *Times* learns by wireless telegraphy that the coal in Port Arthur is insufficient to enable large vessels to take to sea.

THE INVESTMENT OF PORT ARTHUR.

RUSSIAN JOURNALIST'S GRAPHIC ACCOUNT.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 14.

An interesting chronicle of the events of the first week's investment of Port Arthur is given in a despatch from Liaoyang. It is written by Nemirovich Danilenko, the leading Russian war correspondent, who escaped from the beleaguered fortress by the last train.

From the 4th of May, he says, a powerful fleet of the enemy's cruisers, *Adzuma*, *Asama*, *Idzumo*, *Tokai*, and another unknown, with the flagship *Mikasa* and the other battleships *Shikishima*, *Hatsuse*, *Asahi*, *Yashima* and *Fuji*, remained constantly in sight of Port Arthur, departing at night and returning at dawn. The enemy's torpedo-boats occasionally searched our coast and barges waited off Pigeon Bay. Apparently the Japanese were watching to see if we intended to interfere with their landing beyond. Our communications with the north were broken on the 5th, and on the following day the telegraph office refused to accept messages. The Japanese cavalry reconnoitred the peninsula to ascertain if we were locked up. The fact did not cause any particular impression at Port Arthur. The weather was beautiful, bands were playing on the boulevard and there were many promenaders. We heard that the Japanese had fired upon the last outgoing train carrying sick and wounded, and had hit two; rumours arrived of the destruction of the railroad and the blowing up of bridges, but our spirits were not depressed. The military talked of nothing except the second siege of Sebastopol, although, as a matter of fact, Sebastopol was not cut off on the land side. We can die like our forefathers in the universal sentiment expressed. The Chinese are working as usual and few are fleeing. The soul of the defense of the Russian stronghold in General Kondratenko. Ceaseless activity prevails in the fortifications and armoured batteries. No one is now admitted to Port Arthur. Women from Dalny, which is doomed to destruction, sought shelter here, but they were not allowed to remain.

Beyond Cape Tumen the Japanese are landing immense stores of rice and siege guns. The surrounding heights are occupied by their scouts. The enemy struck the railroad between Sanshilip and Pukuntan. They blew up a section of the line and a bridge with melinite, and fired on our sentries. Finding the dead body of one of the latter, the Japanese took off his tunic, rolled it up, placed it under his head as a pillow, and then reverently crossed the dead man's arms on his breast.

On the 7th I decided by hook or by crook to join the Manchurian army, it being impossible to write or telegraph from Port Arthur. Before my departure I paid a farewell visit to the batteries and inspected the positions. The sky was an immense mass of black smoke, and the muzzles of Cape Stone and the firing Dragon III behind Singapiao, where the enemy's sea were said to be lurking. To the westward gleamed the Maolao Islands, with Liaotshan and the Tiger's Tail in the foreground, while behind me, far, far away, towered the Eagle's Nest, whence one can see the whole Regent's Sword Peninsula. Out upon the limitless ocean twelve tiny spots indicated the Japanese warships, and smaller dots the enemy's swift-moving launches watching the coast to prevent any of the craft from slipping through to Chefoo or Yingkou.

I decided to steal through at night across the stretch of railway on which communication had been interrupted. General Stessel proposed that I should accompany Captain Odintzoff, who had been empowered to enter into communication with the enemy.

We left at six in the morning, and two hours later reached the positions commanded by the energetic and tireless General Fock, who defends the whole northern section of Liaotung. Reports were coming in every few minutes of Japanese landings, large and small, of first encounters with our outposts, of our first losses. On every side soldiers and coolies were busy at work digging trenches and throwing up redoubts. This feverish military activity contrasted strongly with the peaceful aspect of nature, now in her fairest spring beauty. Masses of lilac, almond, and apricot blossoms delighted the eye, and nestling in blossom and verdure the Chinese villages continued to wear an aspect of idyllic repose. It was a fairy picture framed by hills of reddish hue.

General Fock has learned the secret of ubiquity. He requires neither food nor sleep. His men are bright and active. Scouting parties penetrate every nook and corner, appearing when the enemy least expect them.

We were going on to Kinchen, distinguishable in the distance by the threatening profile of its defences. After passing that place we decided to stick to the railroad, and boarding a goods truck, reached Sanshilip.

Not a single railway employee was to be seen there, but the station was crowded with Chinese men.

As soon as we approached the station three horsemen dashed off towards the hills to the east. We found Sanshilip Station intact, but natives reported that the stations further along the line were on fire.

Captain Odintzoff mounted the engine which had brought us and ordered the driver to go ahead, leaving me behind in command of the truck and of a second engine with soldiers. My orders from Captain Odintzoff were that if Japanese cavalry appeared I must at once return to Kinchen without waiting for him, and if he did not return by seven in the evening I must go back in any case.

Three hours later we saw smoke in the distance, and concluded it to be from a deserted

barrack. Then followed an anxious time. We thought Odintzoff would never return.

At last we again saw smoke, and this time made it out to be that of an approaching train. As the Japanese were said to have landed an engineer battalion with rails, engines, and carriages, we could not be certain who were on the train.

To cut short our suspense we decided to go and meet it. A turn of the line brought in sight a long bridge, beyond which the mysterious train had halted. Some of its occupants had alighted and were inspecting the bridge. Concluding they must be Japanese we began to retreat, making preparations for any emergency, but just as the train started to cross the bridge our field-glasses revealed Russian uniforms.

They proved to belong to the gullant Colonel Spiridonoff and the officers and men of the 4th Amur Railway Battalion, who had boldly come over the damaged line, repairing it as they came. We joined them and went back to Wanshan, whence on the following day he took through an ammunition train to Kinehau, thus accomplishing one of the bravest feats of the war.

FRENCH MILITARY CRITICISM.

Some interesting comments by Lieutenant-Colonel Rousset in the *Gauche* clearly indicate the difficulty experienced by devoted French admirers of Russia in appreciating the strategy of General Kuropatkin. Colonel Rousset's view of the situation acquires increased importance from the fact that he is one of the most prominent and authoritative French military writers, and that his work on Frederick the Great, Napoleon, and Metko is an obligatory text-book in the Nicholas Military Academy in Russia. According to Colonel Rousset the only acceptable excuse for the failure of the Russians to oppose the landing of the Second Japanese Army opposite the Elliot Islands would be the lack of a sufficient number of troops. "But," he asks, "is that possible after all the sanguine despatches of the General Staff respecting the number of men conveyed by the Trans-Siberian Railway?" The Russians, he says, were not taken by surprise, as Admiral Alexeieff had time to reach Mukden. Ten thousand men with guns would have rendered the extremely perilous Japanese landing impossible. What, he inquires, can be the meaning of that astonishing indifference, which cannot possibly be based upon tactical considerations?

In the further course of the article Colonel Rousset observes that the strategy of the Japanese is very daring. Their two armies, separated by a great expanse of mountainous country, could not come into touch with each other. If they desired to combine for the decisive struggle, they could only do so on the field of battle itself by a dangerous junction, the mere idea of which would constitute a military heresy. If, on the other hand, the army disembarked on the Liaotung Peninsula were to remain before Port Arthur, it would run the risk of being taken in the rear and perhaps of finding itself between two fires. Is it perhaps a realisation of the risks incurred by the enemy that has induced General Kuropatkin to leave them such complete liberty of movement in their operations? If so Colonel Rousset anticipates an early attack on one or the other of the Japanese armies. General Kuropatkin thus taking advantage of his central position to defeat them in succession. "Otherwise his inaction would be an unmistakable avowal of his impotence, from which it would be necessary to conclude either that Russia is clearly unable to maintain the struggle or that the early movement of her Generals in establishing their base of concentration in the rear concealed, by means of apparently skilful manoeuvres, an absolute lack of resources which would reduce the value of their action to that of a simple expedient. I firmly hope that coming events will spare us the pain of making this double admission."

HONOUR FOR ADMIRAL Togo.

Admiral Togo and Vice-Admiral Baron Yamamoto, the Minister of Marine, have been promoted to the rank of Kaigun Taisho, the highest rank in the Japanese navy. Five lieutenant-generals have been promoted mainly for organisation services.

HUMOROUS.

The correspondent of the *Echo de Paris* at St. Petersburg says he is able to announce that Russia has decided to open all the ports in her possessions on the Pacific. This information he says, will soon be official. The measure is intended to nullify the objections raised by Great Britain and America to the occupation of Manchuria by Russia.

Which ports are referred to?

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. Iremonger and officers, the Band of the 33rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel this evening from 8 to 9.30 p.m. Programme:—
March..... "Song of the Empire"..... Bradford Overture..... "The Kuangs Lieutenant"..... Emil Fik Selection "The Bachelors of Danzig"..... Ivan Gurely Song..... "Liebesträume"..... Kurly Gurely Selection..... "Mourning England"..... German Waltz..... "Bei uns zu Hause"..... Strauss: Barn Dance..... "Happy Dances"..... Godfrey "God Save the King."

Menu.

Hot D'Elvies
Canapés à la Windsor.
SOUP
Consommé Colbert.
FISH
Smoked Fish and Butter Sauce.
ENTREES
Pigeon Breasted Creamed Potatoes.
Ox Tongue à la Romaine Sweetbread au Gratin.
CULINARY
Giblet.
JOINTS
Roast Sirloin of Beef
Roast Capon and Celery Sauce
Boiled Shoulder of Mutton and Turnips.
COLEFLORETTES
Leicester Pie and Tomato Salad.
SWEEETS
Victoria Pudding
Glacé à la Diplôme and Genoa Cake
Cranberry Tart Tip-y Cake.

MILITARY AFFAIRS.

WEIHWAI.

If the Japanese are to drive the Russians out of Port Arthur, and indications certainly point that way, it is perhaps well that Britain decided to disband the First Chinese Regiment at Weihwei in 1902. By the convention of 1898 Great Britain leased Weihwei only for so long as Russia occupies Port Arthur. When it was announced that the regiment was to be disbanded many expressed deep regrets that such a fine body of Chinamen enlisted as British soldiers should cease to belong to our Army. The regiment never failed to do its duty when called upon, and to use Mr. Stewart Lockhart's words, "to do it in a manner which any regiment might be proud of." When the frontier troubles arose at Weihwei, the regiment was called upon, while still in its infancy, to quell them—a most inviolable task, when it is remembered that the men were natives of the very district of which the inhabitants had presumed to offer armed resistance. When the troubles arose in the North the services of the regiment were once more requisitioned.

THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

Nothing unusual is to be reported about the Volunteers this week. Capt. William Armstrong and Lieut. William Nicholson are on leave. Gunners E. A. Early and F. D. Bain have resigned; and T. J. Richards has joined. The latter is posted to No. 5 Sub-Division, Left Half No. 2 Company.

Artillery units parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on the 21st inst., for 15 P.B.L. gun drill, when Sergt. Bartolomeo, R.G.A., will attend.

The Taikoo Detachment parade at Taikoo at 5.15 p.m. on the 22nd inst., for 15 P.B.L. and Maxim gun drill, when C.S.M. Whelan, R.G.A., will attend.

The Kowloon Dock Detachment parade at the Kowloon Docks at 5.30 p.m. on the 22nd inst., for infantry drill, when Sergt. Torton, S.E., will attend.

MILITARY ATTACHE.

Reuter's correspondent at Liao-yang reports that several attaches are being allowed to go south, including Colonel Waters and Major Hume of the Second Gurkhas. Some of them expect to join the Cossacks in contact with the Japanese outposts to the north of Kinehau.

METHUEN'S COMMAND.

The *Daily Telegraph* announces that Lord Methuen has accepted the command of the Fourth Army Corps in succession to General Grenfell. Subsequently Lord Methuen will command the Eastern District.

THE NEW RIFLE.

The Lee-Enfield rifle, at present used at the School of Musketry, Hythe, is about to be exchanged for the new rifle, and classes of the regular forces will in future be instructed with the latter arm. Classes of the auxiliary forces will continue to use the present rifle.

JUBILEE FUND—HOSPITAL ACCOUNT.

Following is the statement of accounts in connection with the above fund, which has now been closed:—

RECEIPTS.	
Transfer from general account (including interest to Feb. 28, 1899)	\$97,849.92
Interest from Feb. 28, 1899, to closing of account	17,698.70
	\$115,548.62
EXPENDITURE.	
Contract for preparing site	\$7,500.00
Contract for superstructure	84,336.68
Goods obtained from England	10,31.45
Gas service	19.00
Hot water service	1,956.25
Cold water service	1,446.59
Electric Bells	223.00
Fittings purchased locally	93.00
Architect's commission, including payment for plans of Nursing Institute, n.d.	\$7,485.33
Less premium paid for competition plans	1,000.00
	6,485.33
Premia for plans submitted in competition	1,950.00
Overseas wages	1,930.75
Gas fittings purchased from Government	406.00
Miscellaneous	20.00
	118,891.05
Less amount paid by Government	\$3,442.43
	\$115,448.62

(Sd.) W. CHATFIELD, (Sd.) T. P. COCHRANE, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer.

FRONTIER NOTES.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.] 16th June.

CROPS.

The paddy promises to be an excellent crop and is now well in ear over most parts of the country. Lichees are an exceptionally good crop. The pineapple crop will soon come in, and looks like being plentiful.

CUSTOMS.

The following have succeeded in passing the Imperial Customs examination in Chinese:— Messrs. E. C. Triggall, J. H. Schluter, H. A. Adams, C. R. A. Suchan, J. S. Chubb, W. J. Potter, E. M. Lundberg, C. F. Wallis, P. F. Pawelka, L. A. Sellevold, L. J. Borgest, P. F. Corbin, J. B. Mellor, A. D. Nelson, J. W. Adams, C. L. Hack, and F. G. McIntosh.

Among the productions of the Philippine Islands are two delicious fruits entirely unknown in the civilised world. One of these is the durian, whose remarkable qualities were described upon by Alfred Russel Wallace during his explorations in the Malay Archipelago. It grows on a lofty tree somewhat resembling an elm, is about as large as a coconut, has a shiny shell, and contains a creamy pulp which combines some of the flavours of a delicious custard with those of fine cheese. "To eat durians," said Mr. Wallace, "is a new sensation worth a voyage to the East to experience." American soldiers in Jolo call the durian "the vegetable Limburger cheese."

ENTERTAINMENT TO MEN OF H.B.M. FLEET.

A MEMORABLE VISIT TO SHANGHAI.

Saturday, the 11th June, will long be remembered in Shanghai, says the *N.C. Daily News*, as the occasion when the whole British community in the Settlement turned out to welcome the men of the largest and finest British fleet which has visited the port, at all events within the memory of the present generation. The sun shone kindly on the festivities, and with everyone working heartily to the one end and purpose, it was impossible but that the day should be a success. The arrangements, too, were excellent. Capable business men had taken them in hand, with the consequence that there was a minimum of talk and fuss, and a maximum of enjoyment. All the wheels of the necessary machinery of arrangement ran so smoothly as to be imperceptible almost, the best evidence that they were being well directed. In frequently emphasising its international character, of which Shanghai is rightly proud, it is sometimes forgotten how strong is the British interest and sentiment represented there. Saturday's entertainment was not only a holiday for the sailors and their hosts, but it afforded an opportunity for a display of our ordinarily pent-up British enthusiasm, and this to many was not the least pleasurable feature.

It had been arranged that the guests of the day should come up from Woosung in the four large tenders, which were in charge respectively of Messrs. J. Pratley, W. F. Inglis, Frank Gore, and Alex. McLeod. Including the members of the various ships' bands there were almost 700 invited to dinner. The tenders reached the Nanjing Road Jetty punctually at 11.30 and were at once drawn up in line along the wharves, where a large crowd had already assembled to assist in bidding them welcome. Flags from the principal buildings on the Bund, streamers from the P. & O. mast and all about the tenders themselves, lent a gala appearance to the river front, and the clean white uniforms of the sailors, the always picturesque mounted Sikhs who were to show the way to the Town Hall, and the cheerful strains of the Town Band proclaiming "They all love Jack" completed the effect. The proceedings on the Bund lasted a few minutes only, as there was pressing business to be done shortly at the Town Hall. The men marched along Nanjing Road, under the flags of all nations displayed by storekeepers en route.

In a special sense the dinner was the event of the day. Seldom has the Town Hall looked prettier; rarely if ever has it held at one time so genuinely happy a body of men. The sailors were at no pains to conceal their enjoyment, and the whole-hearted way in which they set to work to show their appreciation gave the best return pleasure to such of their hosts as were helping at the tables or looking on from the gallery above. The main double stairway was bamboo and flower-embowered, as on the occasion of an important ball; the walls of the great hall were completely hidden behind Royal Standards, Union Jacks, ensigns red, blue, white and many other varieties of British flag, the white ensign however predominating. In the centre of the further wall was one beautifully garlanded with flowers, an object of especial admiration. Stretched across the west wall was the double motto "A health to the British born. Hands across the Sea." Opposite this in large letters on the face of the gallery were the words "God save our gracious King" and underneath, "In obedience to the Sage, we welcome guests from afar." Eight tables, lettered A to H, crossed the hall, each capable of seating 66 men. Two others, not quite so long, ran the length of the room and were set apart for petty officers. The ladies of the Settlement had sent down an abundance of beautiful flowers, with baskets to display them in, and the scrupulous neatness of all the table appointments was a temptation to appetite in itself.

As soon as the men were seated, the band having played them to their places, Mr. F. Anderson, Chairman of the Council, who had taken up a station above the clock, addressed a few words of welcome to the guests. Every sentence almost was punctuated with applause. Mr. Anderson having finished, the band struck up the Grace, sang to the familiar "Old Hundredth" and then began a regular attack on mountains of beef and mutton, piles of fish of sardines, and salmon (dainties which seemed to be especially enjoyed), monster puddings, and immense leaves. Cakes popped, the band played, and some of the principal hosts, Sir Pelham Warren, K.C.M.G., Mr. Anderson, Mr. R. B. Bredon, and others made a circuit of the tables, exchanging cordial greetings with the men. The latter varied the proceedings further by taking up every now and again the popular airs being played by the band. "Rule Britannia" brought a wild outburst of cheering.

On the arrival of cheese, the port wine generously provided by Mr. R. B. Allen, was sent round the tables, and glasses being fully charged, Sir Pelham Warren, from the gallery, proposed the one toast of the day, "His Majesty the King." The National Anthem followed as a matter of course. A little later Commander Hopwood, of H.M.S. *Glory*, the senior officer present, voiced the thanks of the diners and of the Navy generally in a short and graceful speech.

The three cheers and the following "tiger" were but the first of a long series, the Ladies, Sir Pelham Warren, the Committee, Mr. McKie and many others coming in for demonstrations and long exercises. The band again struck up "Oh, listen to the band," and the appeal was quite irresistible to music-loving Jack. The whole company was speedily on the "jig," some dancing out, and down the stairs to the street and so to the sports ground,

others remaining for some time in the hall, calling to the band for more.

Fine weather and good spirits characterized the athletic meeting in the Race Grounds in the afternoon.

The long programme was got through before dark, and Mrs. F. Anderson gracefully presented the prizes to the winners, supported by her husband (the Chairman of the Municipal Council), and the Hon. Sec. (Mr. James McKie). At the close, Mrs. Anderson was given a beautiful bouquet of iris, white and purple, and a round of cheers.

The National Anthem was never sung with greater vigour or enthusiasm than it was there and then.

POLICE COURT.

Friday, 17th June.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE.)

A LIVELY TIME.

Charles Scott was charged with behaving in a drunk and disorderly manner at the "Rose, Shamrock and Thistle"; and James Pillaway was charged with obstructing the police in the execution of their duty.

The evidence made it clear that there had been a very lively time.

The first defendant was fined \$5 and the other was discharged.

UNNOTIFIED SMALLPOX.

Inspector Gidley, of the Sanitary Board, charged a woman with failing to report two cases of smallpox at No. 6, Francis Street.

Dr. Barnett gave evidence. The two children, he said, were progressing favourably.

The defendant was fined \$50.

THEFT OF A BICYCLE.

A Macao Portuguese was charged with larceny. He hired a bicycle and took it to Foochow, where he sold it.

As his Worship desired to find out the age of the prisoner the case was remanded.

ASSAULT.

A European was charged with assaulting a chair cooler, in Gage Street. Defendant admitted that he kicked the man because he was rushed at. A fine of \$5 was imposed and the defendant was ordered to pay \$4 compensation.

A HUMOROUS CASE.

A ragged Chinaman was charged with returning from banishment; he was only banished last month.

Mr. Gompertz asked him what was the attraction.

Prisoner replied that he wanted to get his clothes. The magistrate told him that if the clothes he came to fetch were no better than the ones he had on, it was hardly worth the risk. He was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment and six hours' stocks for returning from banishment, and six hours' stocks for being a rogue and a vagabond.

STOLEN PROPERTY.

An old ex-Sergeant Interpreter, who looked as if he were addicted to the opium habit, was charged with unlawful possession of matting bags.

He was convicted of receiving stolen property and fined \$20.

BROKEN SLEEP.

The man charged by Mr. Sercombe Smith, the Acting Police Judge, with continually making noise at five or six o'clock in the morning, when calling house-builders to work at Taikoo, thereby causing an annoyance, was fined \$20 or one month's imprisonment.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE.)

EXORBITANT FARE.

A lady charged a ricksha coolie with demanding more than the legal fare. A fine of \$5 was imposed with the alternative of 14 days' imprisonment.

OVERCROWDING.

For overcrowding at a Chinese boarding-house the keeper was fined \$14.

STEALING BREAD.

For stealing three pounds of bread from the Murray Barracks a punkah coolie was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour.

A BOLD ROBBER.

A Chinaman was charged on remand with actually pulling two rings off a woman's finger. He was convicted and sentenced to six months' hard labour, six hours' stocks, and 20 strokes with a birch.

FAMILY TROUBLES.

A young married "woman" about 15 years of age, charged her father-in-law with assault. The defendant stated that the complainant did not respect him. One day she put a lot of firewood on a four or five days' old pig. The husband of the complainant, a youth of 16 years, bore out his father's statement.

The case was remanded.

NAVAL NOTES.

THE "SANDPIPER."

H.M.S. *Sandpiper*, river gun-boat, Lieut. Commander H. T. Atty, arrived from Samshui yesterday.

CAPTAIN KING HALL PROMOTED.

Captain George F. King Hall, who was one of the Commissioners who on behalf of Great Britain took over Weihwei on lease from China in 1898, has been promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral.

BELLEVEILLE BOILERS.

Sir John Fisher and Sir John Dutton introduced the Belleville into the British Navy. Once our engineers became used to it, it has done excellently. It has stood the test of war in the Japanese fleet, and in the Russian warships only it and the equally-condemned Thornycroft have given satisfactory results. Its best performances are when coal is economically used, and coal economy and naval victory will necessarily be closely allied.

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SHIPPING NOTES.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The H.A.L. steamer *C. Ford, Lucie*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 16th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 22nd inst., a.m.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Kreenu* left Singapore on the 16th inst., at daylight, and is due here on the 21st inst.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Hyaon* left Victoria (B.C.) for Hongkong via Japan on the 14th inst.

The A.L. steamer *Vindobona* left Kobe via Maji for this port on the 16th inst.

The C.N. steamer *Chilli* leaves Tientsin on the 21st inst., for Chefoo and this port, and is due here on the 23rd inst.

WEATHER AT SEA.

The *Wuhu* from Shanghai reports fine weather, but the P. & O. *Coromandel* reports fresh wind and rain at the outset; S.W. swell, moderate wind sea towards port.

The P. & O. *Bengal* and the Austrian Lloyd *Peria* report strong S.W. winds and rain on their voyages from Singapore.

The M.M. *Yarra*, from Saigon, reports a fine passage.

THE NEW CUNARDERS.

In the two new Cunarders the turbines, says *Shipping World*, will be the largest portable engines ever built. They will have the greatest horse power—probably 63,000 or 70,000—of any single set of engines in existence.

EASTERN CARGO DESTROYED.

A serious fire is reported to have occurred on the 16th ult., at the London Docks in the Ocean Steamship Company's warehouse. A large quantity of Manila hemp ex the steamer *Peleus* was affected, and this hemp is stated to be insured under marine and transit policies. The Ocean Company's (A. Holt and Co.) steamer *Peleus* arrived in London at the beginning of the month and went on to Liverpool, reaching there on May 9. She is 7,441 tons. "It was expected in some quarters," says the shipping representative of the *Times*, "that the loss would fall on the fire insurance companies, but this, I understand, will not be the case."

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 17th June, 1904.—The general tone of our market continues dull and inactive, with but little alteration in current market values. Indo-China and China Sugars have again absorbed the chief attention of operators, but rates close in both instances without any material change as compared with last week's quotations.

BAKES.—Hongkong and Shanghai have eased off, and a few shares are obtainable to ally at \$600. The London quotation remains at 266. 10s. 0d. Nationals are still enquired for at \$38.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions have sold and continue in request at \$540. China Traders after sales at \$61 are asked for at \$62. North Chinas are steady with probable buyers at Tls. 62.

YANGTSZES and Cantons are unchanged and without business.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Chinas have sold at \$361 and continue in request. Hongkongs are obtainable to a small extent at \$310.

SHIPPERS.—Hongkong Canton, and Macao have sold at \$30 but close weaker with sellers at \$29. Indo-Chinas have ruled very erratic with sales ranging between \$112 and \$117 for cash and July delivery, \$115 to \$118 September, \$119 October, and \$120 to \$121 December. At the close the market is steady with cash buyers at \$116. China and Manilas are neglected at \$26, at which there are sellers. Douglases are unchanged with sellers at \$36. Star Ferries (old) are enquired for at the improved rate of \$322, the new issue is also firmer, and shares could probably be placed at \$24. Shell Transports have declined to 22 1/2 sellers.

REFINEMENTS.—China Sugars have been sold at varying rates between \$165 and \$170 cash, closing steadier with probable buyers at \$168. Forward rates however are not so firm, due apparently to the desire of holders of cheaper purchases to realise profits, and for distant dates to the end of the year shares are obtainable at rather less than the usual equivalent rates. Luzons are quite out of favour at \$9 sellers.

MINING.—No change in quotations or business to report.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have sold at \$21 1/2 cash and for the settlement delivery, and close with further sellers at the rate. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves are easier with sellers at \$108 1/2. New Amoy Docks are on offer at \$30. Farmlands are enquired for locally at Tls. 156.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have changed ownership at \$158, and a few more shares are obtainable at \$15. Kowloon Lands can be placed at the improved rate of \$37, and West Points at \$39. Humphreys Estates are still procurable at \$121 and \$14 for the old and new issues respectively. Hongkong Hotels have sold and have further sellers at \$157. Shanghai Lands are on offer at Tls. 110.

CORROSION MILLS.—No business has transpired and quotations are unaltered.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Island Cements have sold and are wanted at \$29. Watsons are enquired for at \$131. Fenwicks are procurable at \$48. Ices have sold at \$225. Steam Water Boats have improved to \$17 buyers, and Dairy Farms to \$16 buyers. Ball's Asbestos can be placed at \$5, and China Light and Powers at the improved rate of \$7. China Providents have sold and have further sellers at \$9.

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Hongkong, 18th June, 1904.

SANITARY BOARD OFFICE.

HONGKONG.

TO THE OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS AND VENTILATION BY-LAWS (as amended), every domestic building or part of such building within the Western Division of the City of Victoria occupied by members of more than one family must be CLEANSED and LIME WASHED by the owner during the months of May and June, and further take notice that "Notice that such Cleansing and Lime-washing HAS BEEN COMPLETED" shall be sent to the Secretary of the Board within 3 days after date of completion.

N.B.—The Western Division of the City lies to the West of Tank Lane and Cleverly Street. Dated this 17th day of June, 1904.

THOS. A. HAMMER, Secretary. [1521]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

on

WEDNESDAY, the 22nd JUNE, 1904, at NOON, alongside Messrs. DOUGLAS LAURENCE & CO.'S WHARF, The Steam Launch

"FIREFLY."

Length 35 feet, Breadth 8 feet 3 inches, Depth 4 feet 6 inches, Engines 2 H.P., 4 inches, Stroke 5 inches, Boiler 120 lbs., Keel condensing and feed heating, Three months old. Shutter deck house forward for 10 persons. She has a Government Licence to carry 17 passengers.

TERMS—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 18th June, 1904. [1522]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

on

WEDNESDAY, the 22nd JUNE, 1904, at 2.30 P.M., at their SALES ROOMS, 100 House Street, The Wreck of the French Steamer "HOIHAO" as she now lies stranded in South Channel in Hailan Straits near Hailan Head.

TERMS—As usual.

For Further Particulars, apply to

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. [1523]

Hongkong, 18th June, 1904.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, FIUME, PORT SAID, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"PERSIA."

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

This Vessel brings Cargo—

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Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless notice to the contrary be given immediately. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the undersigned before Noon, on the 23rd June, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 23rd June, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WIEBER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 17th June, 1904. [1524]

STEAMSHIP "YARRA,"
COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, the 17th inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 24th inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 24th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on Friday, the 24th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 17th June, 1904. [1525]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

LOST.

A YOUNG FOX TERRIER. Finder will be rewarded.

C. HENSER, c/o Wm. Meyerink & Co. Hongkong, 18th June, 1904. [1518]

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"SCRIBE," Care of Daily Press Office. Hongkong, 18th June, 1904. [1519]

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Hongkong, 18th June, 1904. [1481]

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Private Cabin, tiffin, and dinner extra.
Special arrangements have been made for a late car to the Peak.

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Hongkong, 17th June, 1904. [1508]

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THE CERTIFICATES of 380 SHARES standing in the Register of this Company in the name of ANTONIO OSORIO having been LOST, viz—

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" 74—23226/23225—100 "
" 75—23226/23225—100 "
" 76—23226/23225—80 "

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SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 10th June, 1904. [1468]

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

APPLICATION has been made to the General Managers of this Company to issue to the Russo-Chinese Bank of Hongkong duplicate certificates for Two Hundred Shares in the above Company or other certificates in lieu thereof upon the statement that the original certificates, viz—

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Scrip No. 550 Nos. 4759/4783 25 Shares in the name of George Hulton Potts.
Scrip No. 473 Nos. 541/5475 50 Shares in the name of Solomon Sassoon Benjamin.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 10th June, 1904. [1469]

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TERMS—VERY MODERATE.
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L'AGUIER, 21st March, 1903. [9]

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FURNISHED HOUSE, in Seymour Terrace.
OFFICES, CENTRAL POSITION. And others to suit various requirements. S. A. SETH, Land and Estate Broker. The Dairy Farm Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 17th June, 1904. [73]

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LARGE ATRY ROOMS, suitable for Offices, in Des Vaux Road Central. Two Rooms from 1st May, 1904, and One Room from 1st June, 1904.
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LARGE AIRY ROOMS in Offices Building in British Consulate, Canton.
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C. H. GRACE, Secretary. Hongkong, 4th June, 1904. [1417]

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD. Hongkong, 28th April, 1904. [865]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Official Administrator, to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE ESTATES OF THE LATE M. R. SEYMOUR AND DAVID OESTMANN, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 18th JUNE, 1904, at 11 A.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, SUNDRY GOODS AND EFFECTS, CLOTHING, TRAVELLING BAGS and TRUNKS, BOOKS, &c., &c.

Also, 2 SEXTANTS, 1 Pair BINOCULARS, and 1 GOLD WATCH and CHAIN.
TERMS—As usual.

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TERMS—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 16th June, 1904. [1503]

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A. S. MIHARA, Manager. Hongkong, 20th May, 1904. [1289]

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NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

WE have authorised Mr. J. OPPENHEIM to Sign Our Company per procurator.
HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO. [Hongkong, 13th June, 1904. 1489]

NOTICE.

COKE AND TAR.
THE HONGKONG & CHINA GAS CO. beg to notify the public that Messrs. KUNG HING & CO., 474, Des Vaux Road West, are the SOLE AGENTS for the sale of the Company's Coke and Tar, and that all orders should be sent to the said Agents direct.
GEORGE CURRY, Local Secretary. [Hongkong, 8th June, 1904. 144]

NOTICE.

THE "HOTEL AMERICA" has changed hands, and is under entirely New Management in which Mr. FRED NOLTE has NO Further Interest from the 1st June, 1904. The present proprietors are not answerable for any Debts contracted by the Hotel before that date.
Hongkong, 10th June, 1904. [1462]

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF BUSINESS.
WE, the Undersigned, beg to notify that the Business of the YUE LOONG, Confectioners, at No. 7, Sai On Lane, Shek Tong Tsai, together with its branch establishment the YUE LOONG CHUAN, at Yee Wo Street, Canton, have been sold by its Former Proprietors to the Undersigned, including the goodwill, trade mark credits, deposits, furniture, and stock-in-trade of the Firm. All expenses, all credits for goods sold, all cash receipts and payments after 16th February, 1904, are due to or payable by the new proprietors. The Transfer of the Business was completed on the 10th June, and the undersigned are allowed to continue to use the name YUE LOONG as the name of the Firm and the Peacock Mark as their Trade Mark. The interest and responsibility of the Former Proprietors ceased on the above date, and this announcement is made to prevent future disputes.

HUNG TAK TONG, LI LAI WING. Hongkong, 16th June, 1904. [1509]

NOTICE.
WE, the Undersigned, beg to notify that Mr. WAT CHUNG SHING, lately employed as Salesman in the YUE LOONG, Confectioners, of No. 7, Sai On Lane, West Point, has no connection with the undersigned who have taken over the business of the Firm. Hereafter contracts for goods ordered will be entered by the Firm, in proof of their acceptance of liability.

HUNG TAK TONG, LI LAI WING. New Proprietors of the Yue Loong. Hongkong, 16th June, 1904. [1510]

MITSU BISHI GOSHI-KWAISHA (MITSU BISHI CO.)
MARINO-UCHI, TOKIO.
Cable Address, "YUASA" and Hongkong and Shanghai Agencies.
All Letters Addressed:—
MANAGER, MITSUBISHI CO., with name of place under.
BRANCH OFFICES:—
NAGASAKI, MOJI, KOBE, KARATSU AND HANKOW.
AGENCIES:—
SHANGHAI: H. J. H. TRIPP.
HONGKONG: H. U. JEFFRIES.
MANILA: COMANZA MARITIMA.
YOKOHAMA: M. ASADA.

CONTRACTORS OF COAL to the Imperial Japanese Navy and Foreign Navies; the Imperial Armies; the Imperial Railway; Sanyo, Kintan and the other Principal Railways; Industrial Works; Home and Foreign Mail and Freight Steamers.

EXPORTERS OF COAL to Hongkong, Shanghai, Hankow, Singapore, Manila, North China, Korean ports and America.

SOLE PROPRIETORS of Takashima, Ochi, Shinaw, Namazuta and Kami-Yamada Collieries and also Hojo Colliery, which will be ready to produce on a large scale the best Buzen Coal from 1905.

Sole Agents for Kigio, Komatsu (Tagawa) and Matsushima Coals.
The Head and Branch Offices and the Agencies of the Company will receive any order for Coals produced from the above Collieries.
Coal sold in 1903 by the Company amounted to 1,210,000 tons.

TAKASHIMA COAL.
New and additional shafts at the Takashima Colliery have been completed and this well-known best and most economical steam Coal in the East is now produced in abundance and can be supplied in any quantity.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1904. [112]

AUTOMATIC MAUSER PISTOLS.
CALIBRE 7.63

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
 June 16, M. RIE JENSEN, German str., 1771, H. Lorenzen, Mgr. 9th June, Coal.
 June 16, PERISA, Norwegian str., 5894, Peter Granghietto, Trieste via Bombay and Singapore 27th April, General. - SANDER, WIELER & Co.
 June 17, ABERNETHY, German str., 611, A. P. Underp, Pakhoi 14th June and Hoihow 16th, General. - JENSEN & Co.
 June 17, CHINA, Amr. str., 3189, D. F. Fiele, San Francisco and Shanghai 15th June, Mails and General. - P. M. S. N. Co.
 June 17, COROMANDEL, British str., 2783, G. M. Montford, N.M., Shanghai 14th June, Mails and General. - P. O. S. N. Co.
 June 17, PETRARICH, German str., 1252, Ch. Abrens, Chiofo 11th June, Beans and General. - GUINNESS.
 June 17, WUHU, British str., 1250, Richards, Wuhu 9th June, Chinkiang 11th and Shanghai 13th, Rice and Oil. - BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
 June 17, YARRA, French str., 2115, Sellier, Saigon 17th June, Mails and General. - MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

CLEARANCES.
 AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
 16th June.
 Norwegian str., for Bangkok.
 German str., for Hoihow.
 Norwegian str., for Bangkok.

DEPARTURES.
 17th June.
 AGMAH, German str., for Chinkiang.
 OROKORO, French str., for Hongkong.
 HAINAN, British str., for Kobe.
 ACHOW, German str., for Kobe.
 YUW, British str., for Canton.

VESSLS IN DOCK.
 16th June.
 ABERNETHY DOCKS.—
 KOWLOON DOCK.—U.S.S. Pathfinder, Health, Fanning, H.M.S. Taku.
 COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—Hermion.

VESSLS PASSED ANKER.
 May 26, British ship, Langdale, James, Feb. from Clyde for Hongkong.
 May 27, Norw. bque, Gerd, Kramstad, April from Mossel Bay for Bangkok.
 May 27, German str., Tai Fu, from East.
 May 28, British str., Clifton, Denyer, from Hongkong.
 May 28, Dutch str., Maden, Versteegh, April 20, from Amsterdam for Batavia.
 May 30, Dutch str., Mulang, Klein, April 15, from Rotterdam for Batavia.
 May 30, French bque, Molier, Auselin, Feb. from New York for Shanghai.
 May 31, British str., Islander, Wright, May from Singapore for Christmas Island.
 May 31, Norw. bque, Moritune, Jensen, from New York for Anjer.
 May 31, British str., Palatine, Stewart, April 1, from Barry for Hongkong.

VESSLS ON THE BERTH
 DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
 OR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW. THE Company's Steamship.
 Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above TO-DAY, the 18th inst., at 3 P.M.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO., General Managers.
 Hongkong, 15th June, 1904. [1495]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
 TEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, LY MOUTH AND LONDON.
 THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR HAINAN, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.
 THE Steamship
 "COROMANDEL"
 Captain G. M. Montford, R.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Bombay, etc., on SATURDAY, the 18th JUNE, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.
 (Suez and Valuable, all cargo for France, and sea for London (under arrangement) will be shipped at Colombo into the Mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; her cargo for London, etc., will be conveyed on Bombay by the R.M.S. "Egypt," due in London on the 1st August.
 Parcels will be received at this Office until 5 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and hue of all packages are required.
 For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.
 Hongkong, 10th June, 1904. [1]

USTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
 STEAM FOR HANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE. THE Company's Steamship
 "PERSIA."
 Captain Craghietto, will leave for the above on SUNDAY, the 19th inst., A.M.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.
 Princes' Buildings.
 Hongkong, 13th June, 1904. [3]

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.
 S.S. "WING CHAI,"
 Captain Samuel Bell Smith.
 DEPARTURES from Hongkong, on week days, at 7.30 A.M., on Excursion days, at 8.30 A.M.; from Macao week days about 2 P.M. and Sundays about 7.30 P.M.
 FARE—(week days) 1st Class (including cabin and servant), \$3. Return Ticket \$5.
 2nd Class \$1. 3rd Class 50 cents.
 On Excursion Sundays 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class Ticket \$2. Return Ticket \$3. Return ticket including Tiffin and Dinner either on board or at Macao Hotel \$5. On Sundays \$5 (tra) will be charged for each Cabin which has accommodation for two or more Passengers.
 Wharf at the Western end of Wing Lok road.
 The Steamer runs in Excursion Trip Every day, and takes only 24 hours to reach Macao.
 MING ON & CO.,
 2nd Floor, 16, Victoria Street.
 Hongkong 8th September, 1903.

THE British steamship
 "YING KING,"
 Capt. Wm. Robinson, of 1089 tons, Registered, is the newest, fastest, and most luxuriously furnished steamer on the line and is lighted throughout with electricity; hot and cold water service. The cuisine is unexcelled.
 Leaving Hongkong every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY EVENING, at 9 P.M., and returning from Canton every following evening at 5 P.M.
 1st Class ... \$3.00 for Single journey
 2nd ... 1.50
 Meals ... 1.00 each.
 The steamer's wharf is at the Western end of Wing Lok Street.
 YUK ON S.S. CO., LD.
 No. 216, Wing Lok Street.
 Hongkong, 27th February, 1904. [75]

MESSAGERIES CANTONNAISES.
 J. TREVOUX & CO.
 HONGKONG-CANTON NIGHTLY SERVICE.
 THE Commodious Steamer
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 First Class European ... \$8.00
 Second Class European ... \$3.00
 First Class Chinese ... \$1.50
 Second Class Chinese80
 Deck30
 The Company's Wharf is at the end of Queen Street, Praya West.
 For further particulars, apply to J. LANDOLT, Agent.
 The Pharmacy, Queen's Road Central.
 Hongkong, 23rd March, 1904. [420]

FOR CANTON.
 THE new and fast Twin-Screw Steamer
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 First-class Fare, \$3 each way. Second-class, \$1.50 each way. Meals, \$1 each.
 Cargo Freight very moderate.
 CHEUNG ON STEAMBOAT CO., LD.,
 No. 147, Connaught Road Central.
 Hongkong, 15th March, 1904. [27]

VESSLS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSLS NAME	FLAG	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL.	COROMANDEL	Brit. str.	J. M. Montford	P. O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP.	AGAMENNON	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	21st inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP.	CEYLON	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	P. O. S. N. Co.	About 24th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP.	YANTZSE	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	5th July.
LONDON & ANTWERP.	KINTUCK	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	19th July.
LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYUNE	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	23rd inst.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL.	HIMALAYA	Frans. str.	J. Combe	MESSEGERIES MARITIMES	23rd inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	P. MARIE	Dan. str.	Bernatzen	MELOCHERS & CO.	6th July.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL.	ZIETEN	Nor. str.	Wilhelm	MELOCHERS & CO.	23rd inst., Noon.
HAMBURG DIRECT.	BATAVIA	Ger. str.	Dempwolf	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	18th July.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG.	NURNBERG	Ger. str.	von Hoff	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	6th July.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	C. FRED LAEISZ	Ger. str.	von Hoff	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	26th July.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	BADENIA	Ger. str.	von Hoff	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	10th Aug.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	BAMBERG	Ger. str.	Miltzoff	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	25th Aug.
TRIESTE, &c., VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ANDALUSIA	Ans. str.	Schmidt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	5th Sep.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	VINDOBONA	Ans. str.	Cobol	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	24th inst., P.M.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.	DIOMEDE	Brit. str.	Cobol	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	15th July.
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL.	SCHUYLKILL	Brit. str.	Cobol	STANDARD OIL CO.	About 1st July.
DURBAN	R. CASTLE	Brit. str.	Cobol	DODWELL & CO. LD.	About 24th inst.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	COURTFIELD	Brit. str.	Martin	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	About 18th inst.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	E. OF INDIA	Brit. str.	Martin	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	22nd inst.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN.	ATHENIAN	Brit. str.	T. W. Garlick	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	20th July.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN.	PRESTON	Brit. str.	T. W. Garlick	DODWELL & CO. (LIMITED)	28th inst.
PORTLAND, OREGON.	OLYMPIA	Brit. str.	T. W. Garlick	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	14th July.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS.	ACTONIAHAY	Brit. str.	W. G. McArthur	PORTLAND & ASIATIC CO.	2nd July, at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	CHINGTUNG	Brit. str.	W. G. McArthur	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	6th July.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SOC. TRA	Brit. str.	C. J. Beaton	P. O. S. N. Co.	About 24th inst.
SHANGHAI	PERSIA	Aus. str.	Craghietto	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	19th inst., A.M.
SHANGHAI	WHAMPOA	Brit. str.	Craghietto	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	20th inst.
SHANGHAI	CHUSAN	Brit. str.	W. B. Palmer	P. O. S. N. Co.	About 30th inst.
CHUNKING	CHUNKING	Brit. str.	W. B. Palmer	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	20th inst.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	TRIUMPH	Jap. str.	A. Hansen	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	22nd inst., 10 A.M.
TAMSU, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	FEIHOE	Jap. str.	H. A. Haraldson	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-morrow, 10 A.M.
TAMSU, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	M. STRUVE	Jap. str.	T. Brandt	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	28th inst., 10 A.M.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	TRITON	Jap. str.	H. Kraft	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	29th inst., 10 A.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	HAINAN	Jap. str.	H. Kraft	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.	To-day, at 3 P.M.
SWATOW, CHEFOO & TIENSIN	KANBU	Brit. str.	R. Rodger	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	22d inst., at 4 P.M.
MANILA DIRECT	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	R. Rodger	SHAWAN, TOMES & CO.	22d inst., at 10 A.M.
MANILA	RUHI	Brit. str.	R. W. Almond	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	22d inst., at 10 A.M.
MANILA	PERLA	Brit. str.	R. W. Almond	SHAWAN, TOMES & CO.	25th inst., 10 A.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	SHAWMUT	Brit. str.	W. M. Smith	DODWELL & CO. LD.	About 13th Aug.
	C. APCAR	Brit. str.	A. Stewart	DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD.	21st inst., at 3 P.M.

"SOUTH AFRICAN" LINE OF STEAMERS.
 FOR DURBAN.
 THE Steamship
 "COURTFIELD,"
 Captain Martin, will be despatched as above on or about the 18th June.
 Cargo to be loaded 10th to 15th June.
 For Freight, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.
 Hongkong, 31st May, 1904. [1378]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
 STEAM FOR FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT). Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.
 (Taking Cargo at through rates to the BRAZILS, to SOUTH AFRICA, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS).
 THE Company's Steamship
 "VINDOBONA,"
 Captain Cobol, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 24th inst., P.M.
 For information as to Passage and Freight apply to SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.
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 Hongkong, 15th March, 1904. [27]

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA
 REGULAR STEAM-SHIP SERVICES BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.
 PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.
 STEAMERS LEAVING
 "FEITHOF" SUNDAY, 19th June, at 10 A.M.
 "TRIUMPH" WEDNESDAY, 22nd June, at 10 A.M.
 "M. STRUVE" SUNDAY, 26th June, at 10 A.M.
 "TRITON" WEDNESDAY, 29th June, at 10 A.M.
 On account of the present state of political affairs, all the Company's new steamers have been requisitioned for transport service, and the above-named chartered steamers have been secured instead for maintenance of the Company's coastal services. As soon as the state of affairs permit, the Company will resume running with its specially designed new steamers.
 For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office at No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central.
 Hongkong, 14th June, 1904. T. ARIMA, Manager. [15]

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
 FOR LONDON, &c. COROMANDEL Noon, 18th June } See Special Advertisement.
 YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, HAL, MOJI and KOBE. SOCOIRA About 24th June } Freight only.
 (Passing through the Island Sea) C. J. Beaton, R.N.R. ... }
 LONDON and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID. CEYLON About 24th June } Freight and Passage.
 C.F. Lockstone, R.N.R. ... }
 SHANGHAI CHUSAN About 30th June } Freight and Passage.
 W. B. Palmer, R.N.R. ... }
 For further Particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. [1]

HONGKONG-MANILA.
 Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila. Saloon midships. Electric Light. Perfect Cuisine. SURGEON and STEWARDESSE carried. All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.
 CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
 STEAMSHIP TONS CAPTAIN FOR SAILING DATE.
 ZAFIRO 2540 R. Rodger Manila direct. Sat. 18th June, 10 A.M.
 RUHI 2540 R. W. Almond Manila direct. Sat. 25th June, 10 A.M.
 PERLA 1980 A. H. Nottley ..
 For Freight or Passage apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS. [116]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.
 OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER-DIENST.
 Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS in the LEVANTE, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS, NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.
 PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.
 STEAMERS DESTINATIONS. SAILING DATE.
 BATAVIA [HAMBURG DIRECT] On 23th June. Freight.
 Capt. Dempwolf (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)
 NURNBERG [HAMBURG DIRECT] On 6th July. Freight.
 Capt. Jaberger (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)
 C. FRED LAEISZ [HAMBURG DIRECT] On 26th July. Freight.
 Capt. von Hoff (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)
 BADENIA [HAMBURG DIRECT] On 10th Aug. Freight.
 Capt. Roerden (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)
 BAMBERG [HAMBURG DIRECT] On 25th Aug. Freight.
 Capt. Miltzoff (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)
 ANDALUSIA [HAMBURG DIRECT] On 5th Sep. Freight.
 Capt. Schmidt (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)
 For Further Particulars, apply to HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, HONGKONG OFFICE, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, No. 1. [13]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.
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 STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.
 STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.
 N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.
 PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.
 STEAMERS. SAILING DATES.
 1904
 ZIETEN ... WEDNESDAY ... 22nd June
 SEIDLITZ ... WEDNESDAY ... 6th July
 ROON ... WEDNESDAY ... 20th July
 PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD ... WEDNESDAY ... 3rd August
 PREUSSEN ... WEDNESDAY ... 17th August
 PRINZ HEINRICH ... WEDNESDAY ... 31st August
 GNEISENAU ... WEDNESDAY ... 14th September
 BAYERN ... WEDNESDAY ... 28th September
 SACHSEN ... WEDNESDAY ... 12th October
 ZIETEN ... WEDNESDAY ... 26th October
 PRINZESS ALICE ... WEDNESDAY ... 9th November
 PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD ... WEDNESDAY ... 23rd November
 PREUSSEN ... WEDNESDAY ... 7th December
 PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH ... WEDNESDAY ... 21st December
 PRINZ HEINRICH ... WEDNESDAY ... 4th January 1905
 ON WEDNESDAY, the 22nd day of JUNE, 1904, at Noon, the Steamship "ZIETEN," Captain Wilhelm, with MAELS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA.
 Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on MONDAY, the 20th June. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 21st June, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on TUESDAY, the 21st June.
 Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.
 The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardses.
 Linen can be washed on board.
 NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
 For further Particulars, apply to MELOCHERS & CO., AGENTS.
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LAGDEN'S LUCK.

(A STRANGE LOVE STORY).

BY

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CHAPTER XI.

THE GOODNESS OF MR. COWLE.

Mr. Clement Frith, as has been shown, possessed an elastic mind. He absolutely refused to be troubled about the future; the present day was sufficient for him, and he closed his eyes in blissful sleep each night, having made up his mind that whatever evil or good was to come, might very well wait until the morning. In a word, he had an amazing power of flinging his troubles aside (generally, he it said, so that they lighted on the shoulders of someone else) and looking for the best.

Thus it happened that no sooner had the unwelcome figure of Josiah Lagden disappeared from the house than the spirits of Mr. Clement Frith rose. He utterly refused to remember that he had what was almost an impossible task to perform, in getting the diamond, and restoring it to Lagden; something would surely happen to put matters straight. At the worst, he was richer to the extent of a hundred pounds; and now that Lagden was securely out of the house, he and the dealer might surely be left to fight the matter out between themselves. Feeling certain that the morning sun would shine on an easier and more comfortable state of affairs, Mr. Clement Frith mixed himself an extra "nightcap," refused to listen to Dora's protestations or pleadings, and went to bed.

He awoke early the next day, and, it being a very fine morning indeed, went out in his carpet slippers, to take a stroll round the square while breakfast was being got ready. If anyone had suggested to Mr. Clement Frith that there had been any difficulty in obtaining that breakfast, he would have been much pained; such considerations were not for him.

As he was entering his house again, in a very suitable frame of mind, he met the newspaper boy at the gate; took the paper from him, thanked him politely, and let himself into the house. A savoury smell of cooking reminded him that he was hungry; and he went into the little dining-room, with a very pleasant feeling that it was not at all a bad world to be alive in on a summer morning.

Dora and the younger children were at the table; Mr. George Frith, finding himself with rather more of a headache than usual, had not yet risen. Mr. Clement Frith waved a hand to his children, as he seated himself in the place of honour at the little table, and opened his paper with something of a rattling, and an important cough. Dora, white-faced and hollow-eyed, bent low over the cups as she poured out the morning coffee.

Suddenly a surprising change came over the face of Mr. Clement Frith. He doubled the paper hastily in the middle, and seemed literally to glue his eyes to one particular column of it; looked furtively at the others round the edge of it, and then went on reading again. At last, with something like a groan, he let the paper fall from his hands, leaned back in his chair, and closed his eyes.

"The younger children stared at him open-eyed; Dora came hastily to his side. He made a feeble motion with one hand towards the paper, and she stooped and picked it up. Some idea was in her mind of what had happened—vague and indistinct though it was. Seeing that he still pointed impatiently to the paper, she turned it about, until she came to that particular column; and then she moved no more until she had read all that was printed there.

"As he goes to press, we hear that one of those unfortunate accidents, which occasionally blight the ingenuity of some police, has occurred in London. An elderly man, the proprietor of a small curio shop in Moon Street, Notting Dale, has been discovered in the room behind his shop, brutally dead to death. His name was Pipe, and he was much respected in the neighbourhood. There are indications of a severe struggle, and the object of the outrage had evidently been robbery, as an attempt had been made to force a small safe in the room. The police are very reticent, but it is believed they have a clue to the murderer."

She went back to her place at the table, and Mr. Clement Frith, after an appealing glance at her calm face, resumed his breakfast. As might have been expected, the younger children were much excited, but Dora gently silenced any questions which hovered on their lips, and tried hard to talk about general things. Presently, Mr. Clement Frith recovered something of his usual buoyancy; a new idea seemed to have occurred to him, and he put it into words, so soon as he and Dora were alone.

"My dear Dora, do you see what it means?" he asked, in a whisper.

"I'm afraid so," answered the girl. "He's gone there before you."

"Exactly. I deeply regret it, my dear Dora; but, if people will take matters into their own hands in this fashion, what is one to do? It is evident that he would not trust me, and decided to act for himself. And that, of course, releases us from any responsibility."

"Father, don't you understand what this means for me?"

"My dear, you take far too tragic a view of the business," said Mr. Clement Frith uneasily. "We are not responsible for the morality or the immorality of others; we have quite enough to do, in this world, to look after ourselves. It is unfortunate that your husband should be given to this kind of thing; but the responsibility does not rest with you. If—if anything happens to him," added Mr. Frith, with a glance round the room—"it's his own fault. At all events, there is no necessity for me to trouble any further about the diamond."

"I would like to think, father, that he had not done it," said the girl quickly. "Don't you think it's possible that this may be a mere ordinary attempt at robbery, and that he may not really have been there at all?"

"My dear child, for your sake, I would like to think so," said Mr. Clement Frith. "But," he added, with a melancholy shake of the head, "there is such a thing as circumstantial evidence, and that evidence is dead against him. He is in search of a certain diamond; he forces from me the fact that that diamond is in the hands of a certain man; he even gets the address of that man from me—in fact, he knows it already. Within an hour of the time he leaves this house, that man is found murdered—and the safe, in which doubtless he had placed the jewel, has been tampered with. My dear child, only I, who took the stone to the dead man, and Lagden, who knew that that man had it, were aware of the place in which it was hidden. I did not kill Mr. Pipe; Lagden must have done so."

"You don't seem to realise all that this means for me," said the girl bitterly. "It was bad enough before, when I knew that I was tied for life to a man of whom I know nothing; think how much worse it is now, when I know who he is, and what he has done. I actually bear the name of a man who has told me that he has committed one crime; and who, we have every reason to believe, has killed this man Pipe."

"My dear Dora, you have no philosophy," said Mr. Clement Frith despairingly. "Can't you see that this will, in all probability, be the best thing for you, in the long run? If the law takes the course it should take, and does not let Lagden slip out of its fingers, you will be free, in a comparatively short space of time, and all will be well. Time works wonders; and all this will blow over. I'm sorry for the man, Pipe—I am indeed."

It was obviously quite useless to attempt to reason with her father; Dora gave it up in despair. She could only wait, and wonder what was going to happen—could only try to go about her daily duties as cheerfully as possible, and parry the wondering questions of the children. She trembled at every knock at the door, and at every cry in the street; wished a thousand times that the old, comparatively happy days of poverty might come back again. She would so willingly have struggled on, without hope, rather than have faced this.

Miss Jane Nudds came into the room rather early that morning, to announce that a gentleman was asking for Miss Frith. That announcement was startling enough, but it was not quite so startling as Miss Nudds's face; Dora, peering in the net of asking a question about the visitor, and stared at the girl in perplexity.

"Why, Jane, what's the matter?" she asked.

"Matter, Miss?" retorted Miss Nudds, a little sharply. "I can't say as I understand."

"You look as though you'd seen a ghost, Jane," said Dora. "Are you ill?"

"It's on'y a ragin' toothache that's kep' me awake all night, Miss," said Miss Nudds. "As to ghosts—we can't never tell wot we'll see in these days one way or another. I've showed the ghost into the dinin'-room, Miss."

Miss Nudds went away, and Dora with a quaking heart, went to interview the visitor. She knew that the blow had fallen, the moment she entered the room and the stranger rose and bowed to her.

It was that tall man who had once called when Lagden lived in the house, and who had been so unceremoniously sent away—the man we know as Mr. Jim Cowle. Dora drew back, a little frightened, but Mr. Cowle put out a white hand, and reassured her hastily.

"Pray forgive my calling upon a lady at such an hour as this, Miss Frith," he began. "I blame myself very much that I should have to come on such an errand; but I do it for the best. I come from—from your husband."

He lowered his voice as he said these last words.

"How do you know?" she began falteringly.

"My dear Mrs. Lagden (you see, I must address you by your proper title, in order to show you that I understand the real position of affairs)—I know everything. When I came here before, at the time when Lagden was in the house, he refused to see me; he was suspicious of me. Now, he understands me better—and confides his troubles to me."

"And has he sent you to me?" she asked slowly.

Mr. Cowle bowed. "He is, as you may suppose, in hiding," he said. "The desperate business in which he has been engaged—"

"Don't—don't tell me!" she cried, covering her face with her hands. "I don't want to hear about it at all."

Mr. Cowle was surprised, because, of course, he had no idea that the murder of the unknown curiosity dealer could affect her in any way, or that she was even referring to it. He could only suppose that she was naturally troubled at the thought that Lagden was mixed up in the affair of the diamond. It convinced him, if anything, that he had been necessary to convince him, how easily he would be able to prevail upon this girl to let him have the stone. At the present time, however, his object was to soothe her, and to show her, if possible, that he was her friend.

"Forgive me," he said—"I did not mean to wound you in any way; my sole desire is to help you. You're too young, and too inexperienced, to stand alone in such a business as this; and Lagden—no matter what his object may have been—had no right to burden you with his sins. Perhaps I ought to explain that Lagden is an old friend of mine, and I have endeavoured (unsuccessfully, I fear) to get him back to the steady things of life."

"You're very good, sir," she said falteringly. "You tell me you come from him; what does he want?"

Mr. Jim Cowle paused for a moment, and then went on with that message he had arranged in his mind—the message which he hoped would most quickly appeal to her. "Your husband feels that he must see you again, for the last time. Grave as his danger is while he remains in England, he will not go away without seeing you; he bitterly reproaches himself for the part he has forced you to play. He dare not send a letter; he dare not trust anyone else but myself. He begs that you will go to him at

once—see him, but for a moment—and he promises never again to molest you."

"Will you give me a moment to think?" she asked.

Mr. Jim Cowle bowed again, and turned away to the window. The girl seated herself by the table, and propped her head in her hands, striving hard to make up her mind as to what she should do. There was no one to whom she could appeal at such short notice; no one to whom she had the right to appeal. She had taken this burden upon her own shoulders; she must bear it to the end, and fight her own bitter battle with what weapons lay at her hand. She rose up at last, and faced Cowle firmly and steadily.

"Where is he?" she asked. "I will go to him at once. Is he still at Jubilee Terrace?"

Mr. Cowle kept his face admirably; he was gaining valuable information. "No, they have hunted him from there," he said. "He came to me very late last night; I am to take you to him now. I think, by the way, we might pass there as we go—the place where he has been living, I mean—and see if it is being watched at all. It's not far out of the way—and we must be prepared for everything."

"I will do whatever you wish," she said quietly. "If you will wait a minute, I will be ready to go with you."

After she had gone from the room, Mr. Jim Cowle stood for some moments thoughtfully surveying the door.

"It's playing it pretty low down," he muttered—"but I must have the diamond. She's so trusting; she ought never to have been mixed up in this business. But, if I can once secure the stone, without violence, I don't mind. And if she hasn't got it, I at least know where to find him. Jubilee Terrace; I wonder what the number is, and where Jubilee Terrace is situated?"

She came back into the room, dressed for the street. They went out together into the Square, at the bottom of the steps leading from the house they encountered Miss Jane Nudds, just about to descend into the area. Dora stopped for a moment to speak to her.

"I shall be back very soon, Jane," she said in a low voice. "If Mr. Frith should ask where I am, I've gone—gone for a walk."

Miss Nudds nodded, and said nothing; but she looked suspicious. It was apparent at once that she did not like the look of the gentleman who was to accompany her young mistress on that particular "walk."

In the street outside the Square, Mr. Jim Cowle hailed a hansom. "We mustn't lose time," he said. "By the way, that number in Jubilee Terrace; it's quite gone out of my head. Do you remember it?" he whispered.

"Forty-three," she replied, as he assisted her into the cab.

Still Mr. Jim Cowle was at a loss; he had not the remotest notion where the place was. "What's his best way?" he asked, with a foot on the step of the cab.

"I don't know," replied Dora. "I only know that it's Jubilee Terrace, Kilburn."

"Thank you—that will do," said Mr. Cowle, with a smile; and gave the direction to the cabman.

They had not gone a hundred yards, however; before he thrust up the trap in the roof, and directed the man to drive to the Euston Road—naming a small private hotel in that somewhat dubious quarter. When Dora looked at him in some surprise, he smilingly reassured her.

"It has suddenly occurred to me that we might draw suspicion upon him by going near Jubilee Terrace at night," he said. "We can do no good; it would only make us more anxious if we saw that the place was watched. Let us go straight to Lagden, and get the business done with, so far as you are concerned. It's a shame to be driving you about London like this, and I don't want to prolong it more than I can avoid."

He seemed so sincere, that she thanked him with a grateful look; and they drove on to their destination. Quite fearlessly, for the simple reason that she wanted to help this desperate man who was lying in hiding, she followed Cowle into the dingy house, which lay at the back of a long neglected garden—a garden in which a crazy board, on two rotten supports, proclaimed the fact that it was a private hotel, with a high-sounding name. They passed up the staircase, and got to the door of a room near the top of the house. This door Mr. Cowle opened, and ushered the girl in. It was a shabby room furnished as a sitting-room, overlooking a dingy yard at the back; and it was empty.

Mr. Cowle came in after her, closed the door, and put his hat down on the table. Something in his face showed her that she had been tricked; she drew back against the window, and looked at him, while his unsteady eyes met hers warily.

"Where is—where is Mr. Lagden?" she whispered.

"I should not be a bit surprised if Lagden were found quite snug at Jubilee Terrace, Kilburn," he said, with a laugh. "We'll forget Lagden for a while; I want to talk to you."

"You told me I should find him here," she said. "I was to help him, because he was in danger; where is he—and what do you want me to do?"

"I want you to be reasonable, and to listen to me—on a matter of business—for five minutes," said Cowle. "Won't you sit down?"

"You brought me here to see Mr. Lagden," Dora reminded him; "and I want to know where he is. I do not believe—I won't believe—that any man could be so mean as to trick me at such a time as this. Where is he?"

"We will talk about Lagden afterwards," said Mr. Cowle, pulling a chair towards the door, and sitting down on it, in such a position that the door could not be opened unless he moved.

"For the moment, a more serious question concerns us both. I've brought you here to-day, because I know that you carry about with you, something I want; because I know that you,

innocent though you look, are the sweet and charming safe that holds what so many men are hunting and killing each other for. You know what I mean?"

"I don't understand you in the least," she said.

"When this man Lagden—one of the most desperate rascals ever known to the judges of the law—first came to you, he carried with him a certain diamond. He may or may not have explained to you how he got it; in all probability, if he gave you any explanation at all, it was not the true one. He married you, the better to hide it; or to induce you to hide it; I have brought you here to-day, the better to induce you to pass it on to me."

"I assure you I have not got it—I give you my solemn word."

"I want no assurance," he said quietly. "I have it from the lips of one who knows the whole business that you carry that diamond about with you; in all probability, at the present moment, while you stand before me, looking so meek and innocent, you are worth an enormous fortune. The diamond never belonged to Lagden at all. It belongs to the first man strong enough and bold enough to take it. I am that man; I've brought you here, in order that I might take that which belongs only to him who has that boldness and that strength. Come—the diamond!"

He held out his hand towards her, and she shrank away. "I swear to you," she said, "that I have not got it. If I could give the dreadful thing to anyone who would destroy it, or get rid of it, I would do it gladly; this misery it has caused has wrecked my life and the lives of others. Before God—I have not got it!"

He moved heavily towards her, looking straight into her innocent eyes, and suddenly dropped his hands on her shoulders. She did not flinch; though her face was white and despairing, she looked fearlessly into his eyes.

"You couldn't look at a man like that, and lie to him, child," he said, almost in a whisper. "I'm sorry; I didn't mean to hurt you. But where's the stone?"

"Don't you know? Don't you understand?" she asked. "Haven't you seen the dreadful thing in the papers?"

"The papers? What do you mean?" he asked, dropping his hands from her shoulders. "What papers?"

"The stone was taken from me, and passed into the hands of a man named Pipe—a dealer in such things. My husband heard of that; he was to have had the diamond back again from the dealer to-day. Pipe—she suddenly covered her face with her hands, and began to weep hopelessly. "Pipe was murdered last night."

He drew away from her, and gave a long, low whistle; he began to understand, dimly enough, what had happened. "And you think—" he began, in a low voice.

"Oh, I don't know what to think," she said. "He knew where the stone was, and who had it; the man who had it was killed last night; and Lagden is in hiding. I thought, when you brought me here, that he was hiding because of that; I never imagined for a moment that you were tricking me."

Mr. Jim Cowle was pacing rapidly up and down the room, muttering to himself. The stone in the hands of a dealer—Lagden knowing where it is; that dealer killed last night. Why the thing is as clear as daylight!

"What do you mean?" she asked.

"I mean that Lagden has the stone, and he and I must settle accounts. The thing has narrowed down beautifully."

She came towards him unsteadily, holding out her hands imploringly. He smiled, and shook his head, motioning her away.

"This has passed out of your hands," he said. "Properly, you should never have had anything to do with it. I am naturally of a merciful and kindly disposition, when people don't interfere with me. Luckily for me, you have been good enough to provide me with the address of Mr. Josiah Lagden. I've been seeking it for quite a long time. Go home to your quiet, domestic life, little girl; leave these things to others. I am going to No. 43, Jubilee Terrace, Kilburn."

As she sank down despairingly, and hid her face in her hands, Mr. Jim Cowle looked down at her with a smile, and slowly drew on his gloves.

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